

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please rewrite paragraph [0003] as follows:**

**[0003]** Examples of electrical signal filters that can be assembled, at least in part, using automated Z-axis manufacturing are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,429,754, issued August 6, 2002, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/187,455, filed July 1, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,647,342, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/329,055, filed December 24, 2002, and now U.S. Patent No. 6,791,436 ~~allowed~~, each assigned to Eagle Comtronics, Inc., the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Please rewrite paragraph [0028] as follows:**

**[0028]** The first filter housing member 1 also includes a shield member 11, to provide magnetic isolation between filter components within the filter housing assembly, for example. The shield member 11 includes a first portion 11A and adjacent stepped portions 11B and 11C. Stepped portion 11C can be dimensioned to function as a spark-gap, as described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/654,593, filed September 1, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,560,087 ~~allowed~~, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. Stepped portion 11B functions to support part of a circuit board 30 (shown in Fig. 2B). It is preferred that the uppermost distance (e.g., the height) of the surface 11B of the shield member 11 from the inner surface 1A of the first filter housing member 1 is substantially the same as the height of the second portion 14 of the ground post 12.